

(1) We are concerned about the inclusion of the QA Program Plan and QA Project Plan in the 100-page limit. A corporate QA Management Plan that meets EPA's requirements may be 100 to 200 pages long. A QA Project Plan that meets EPA's requirements for sampling and analysis projects is typically 150 to 300 pages long. Historically, EPA has not included QA Program Plans and QA Project Plans within page limits; we request that these plans be excluded from the page limit.

**The RFP will be amended to exclude the Quality Assurance Program Plan and Quality Assurance Project Plan from the 100 page limitation for technical proposals.**

(2) In its answers to questions on the RFP, EPA indicates that a Quality Assurance Program Plan (QAPP) is required as part of the Management Approach and is included in the page count. In order to produce a credible document that establishes procedures for producing high quality work under the awarded contract and ensures that enforcement data are of the highest quality, offerors will need to commit a significant percent of the pages to this document. Would EPA consider having a description of the QAPP in the Management Plan and allowing the QAPP to be a separate document outside of the page count? This will ensure that the QAPP is thorough, meets EPA/EPAAR requirements, and can be easily incorporated into an awarded contract.

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